

The following is a small sample of the original document on GSUSA's national Studio2B website. Please see the live link to Planned Parenthood on the bottom.

http://www.studio2b.org/lounge/gs_stuff/ip_on_your_own.asp

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Breakin' It Down

It's funny how "reality TV" is usually the farthest thing from reality. It's not often that someone lives in a penthouse without having to work or pay rent. For some, "real life" happens sooner than others; you may already be paying for your own necessities. The "On Your Own" Interest Project will prepare you to build and stretch your "real life" skills.

HERstory

Girl Scout Troop 466 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, developed the "On Your Own" IP as a troop's own IP ("Our Own IP"). Although most of the troop's members are now in college (registered as adult Girl Scouts), several still have the sewing kit they created while earning their own IP.

The idea for "On Your Own" was also suggested to Girl Scouts of the USA by Troop 762 (nine girls ages 15-17) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Teenage girls are curious and concerned about life beyond high school, they told us. "We want to learn more about things we need to know in real life—checkbooks, sewing, college life, babies, marriage—stuff they don't teach in school."

Elizabeth, Emily, Heather at the bridging ceremony where they bridged to adults. They were members of Troop 466 and helped create the "On Your Own" IP.

Interest Projects

- Home Is Where the Heart Is
- B Xtreme!
- Global Girls
- On Your Own
- G.O. Girl!
- In the Pink
- Uncovering the Evidence
- Couch Potato
- Sew Glam
- Hi-Tech Hide & Seek
- The Girl Scout Challenge 3
- Confidence, Courage, and Character

Helpful Links

There are several organizations and online resources that would be helpful for researching and doing the activities in this IP such as:

- Girl Scouts of the USA's Money\$marts (www.girlscouts.org/moneysmarts)
- The JumpStart Coalition (www.jumpstart.org)
- Consumer Reports (www.consumerreports.org)
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (www.os.dhhs.gov and www.healthfinder.gov)
- National Institutes of Health (www.nih.gov)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (www.ahrq.gov)
- Planned Parenthood (www.plannedparenthood.com)
- The March of Dimes (www.marchofdimes.com)